

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 and 18-20 were presented for examination, with claims 9-17 having been previously withdrawn. The Examiner rejects claims 1-5 and claim 7 as being anticipated under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) by United States Patent No. 4,690,235 to Miyakoshi ("Miyakoshi") in view of United States Patent No. 3,298,453 to Bobard ("Bobard"). Claim 8 is rejected as obvious under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Miyakoshi in view of Bobard and United States Patent No. 2,230,749 to Hebert ("Hebert"). Applicant hereby amend claims 1, 5 and 8, and add claim 21. Support for new claim 21 can at least be found in originally filed claim 6. Support for the amendments to claim 1 and claim 8 can at least be found at page 3, lines 23-29 and page 11, lines 7-19. Claim 5 is amended to correct a typographical error.

Rejection of Claims 1-5 and 7 Under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

The Examiner rejected claims 1-5 and claim 7 as anticipated by Miyakoshi in view of Bobard. Applicant hereby amends claim 1 to state "an agricultural system comprising a motorcycle drive unit and a tool assembly wherein a rear wheel of said motorcycle drive unit is removable for attachment of said tool assembly to said motorcycle drive unit wherein said agricultural system is capable of use in farming."

Miyakoshi discloses a three-wheeled motor vehicle which has a large utility space substantially coextensive with the transverse and longitudinal dimensions of the motor vehicle for storing cargo or supporting a working unit or attachment..." (see Column 2, lines 7-11 of Miyakoshi). The working unit or attachment can, for example, be a snowplow unit or a cultivating unit (see FIGS. 11-14 of Miyakoshi). Miyakoshi does not teach or suggest a removable rear wheel of a motorcycle drive unit for attachment of a tool assembly.

Similarly, Bobard discloses a tubular chassis 1 between two wheels, where a tow arm 31 for tools, such as agricultural tools may be attached (see Column 3, lines 41-45). Bobard does not teach or suggest a removable rear wheel of a motorcycle drive unit for attachment of a tool assembly.

Since neither Miyakoshi or Bobard either alone or in combination disclose or suggest "an agricultural system...wherein a rear wheel of said motorcycle drive unit is removable for attachment of said tool assembly...", Applicant submits that claim 1 as amended is patentable over Miyakoshi in view of Bobard. Applicant also submits that claims 2-5, 7, and 18-21 are also

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patentable for all the reasons for which claim 1 is patentable because these claims depend, directly or indirectly, from a patentable base claim.

Rejection of Claim 8 Under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Miyakoshi in view of Bobard and Hebert. Miyakoshi and Bobard have been discussed above. Hebert discloses a Frame A including two parallel side members 10, 11 between which extends a pinion 12 which carries a rear wheel B¹. The side members 10, 11 extend rearwardly beyond the rear wheel B¹ and are connected at their extreme ends by a draw bar 13 which is secured to members 10, 11 by bolts 14. The draw bar 13 is provided with apertures which are adapted to receive a clevis pin for hitching a plow or other implement (see Column 2, lines 3-14 and Column 3, lines 59-72 of Hebert). Hebert does not teach or suggest a removable rear wheel of a motorcycle drive unit for attachment of a tool assembly.

Since none of Miyakoshi, Bobard or Hebert alone or in combination disclose or suggest "an agricultural system...wherein a rear wheel of said motorcycle drive unit is removable for attachment of said tool assembly...", Applicant submits that claim 8 as amended is patentable.

CONCLUSION


Applicant requests that the Examiner reconsider the application and claims in light of the foregoing Amendment and Response, and respectfully submits that the claims, as amended, are in condition for allowance. If, in the Examiner's opinion, a telephonic interview would expedite the favorable prosecution of the present application, the undersigned attorney would welcome the opportunity to discuss any outstanding issues, and to work with the Examiner toward placing the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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